Mobile County Commission Notice of Comment Period And Public Hearing - Amendment PY2020 Action Plan

The purpose of this notice is to provide a 5-day comment period and to give notice of a public hearing regarding the proposed amendment to the Mobile County Urban County PY2020 Action Plan. This notice is in accordance with 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs and applicable waivers made available to those requirements through the CARES Act.

Pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, signed on March 27, 2020, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocated \$954,256 and \$799,909 from the first and third round respectively, for a total of \$1,754,165 of CDBG-CV funds to Mobile Urban County. These funds are specifically to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. In addition, HUD provided a waiver for the CHDO set-aside for regular HOME program, the County will add that amount to the Rental Housing Program. Program Income and Recaptured funds of HOME funds in the amount of \$564,906 and \$30,000 respectively are added to the regular HOME Program budget. The amounts for program income and recaptured funds were inadvertently not budgeted with the regular PY2020 HOME award of \$580,826 in the original Action Plan. Please note these HOME funds and activities are not related to the CARES Act.

A summary of the proposed amendment including activities to be funded with the CDBG-CV funds is provided below:

Food Banks	\$ 500,000
Legal Services/Mortgage/Rental/Utility Assistance	\$ 620,000
Public Service	\$ 283,332
CDBG-CV Administration	<u>\$ 350,833</u>
Total CDBG-CV Budget	\$1,754,165

A summary of the proposed amendment including activities to be funded with the HOME funds is provided below:

Rental Housing Program - Acquisition/Development/Construction	\$1,061,160
HOME Program Administration	<u>\$114,572</u>
Total HOME Budget	\$1,175,732

A complete and detailed copy of the proposed amendment will remain on file at the offices of the Mobile County Commission and will be available for public examination and copying upon request at the Mobile County Government Plaza, 205 Government Street, Mobile, Alabama between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The proposed amendment is also available on the County website at https://www.mobilecountyal.gov/grants/plans-policies-amendments/.

The 5-day public comment will commence beginning October 5, 2020 and end 5 p.m. October 9, 2020. Written comments are to be sent to Director of Grants Management, Mobile County Commission, 205 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36644. The Public Hearing will be at the Mobile County Commission conference to be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 8, 2020, in the auditorium, located on the ground floor of the Mobile Government Plaza, at 205 Government Street in Mobile, Alabama. Due to continued COVID-19 related issues, all interested citizens may participate virtually by viewing the live stream of the hearing (inclusive of closed captions in English) at https://www.mobilecountyal.gov/government/livestreaming/. The County Commission will consider adopting the amendment at the Mobile County Commission meeting at 9:30 a.m. on October 13, 2020.

The public hearing will be accessible to all. Those requiring special assistance/accommodations for disabilities, for non-English speaking persons or related services should contact the Grants Department at (251) 574-5086 at least three days in advance of the meeting.

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Spanish translation and/or clarification will be provided upon request, please email Nayyer Mahdi at nayyer.mahdi@mobilecountyal.gov or call 251-574-5086. La traduccion y/o la clarificacion Espanola seran dados si hay solicitad. Email por favor Nayyer Mahdi at nayyer.mahdi@mobilecountyal.gov o llamar 251-574-5086.

Jerry L. Carl, President Mobile County Commission

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